Faculty Senate Public Engagement and Outreach Council (FSPEOC)
MINUTES
March 29, 2024
9:00 – 10:15 AM
Via ZOOM

Attendance: Joseph Krupczynski, Sara Whitcomb, Julia Jorati, Maria Miller, Laura Vandenberg, Remy Housley, Heidi Bauer-Clapp, Bob Maloy, Lisa Troy, Rose Webster-Smith, Sigrid Schmalzer, Giverson Mupambi, Remy Housley

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Short/quick members introductions and/or check-ins (as/if needed.)

II. LOGISTICS

a. Review/Approve Minutes from FSPEOC notes_February 20241.docx
b. Review Agenda
c. New Co-chair for Council Discussion
    i. Sara will not be a voting member of the faculty next year and will need to step down
    ii. Joseph will need to step down given the increased workload with the Carnegie task force
    iii. We will need folks to consider stepping into a Chair or Co-Chair role. One person can Chair as long as they are a voting member.

III. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FSPEOC ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

a. Council Sub-Committees updates:
    - Distinguished Community Engagement Awards Sub-Committee

- Remy—Awards closed on March 22. Eleven total applications. 8 of total applications are all for teaching. Remy will reach out to Jo Allen-Oleet and give Provost's office a heads up, so that maybe provost can consider
- Folks volunteered to be peer reviewers—Sara Whitcomb, Bob Maloy, Laura Vandenberg, Lisa Troy, Heidi Bauer-Clapp
- Laura will find out who needs to be made aware of awardees so that plaques could be made in time for the awards dinner
- Remy—Maybe all that are nominated should be invited. Laura confirmed at all faculty are invited.
- Faculty Honors Dinner May 2, Student Union Ballroom

- Carnegie Classification Task Force Sub-Committee
  - Curriculum/Co-Curriculum Work
  - Infrastructure subgroup
    - Lisa—looking at where they can collect data from and how to organize it
  - Community Partners
    - Make sure council members complete and/or promote completing the brief survey related community engaged research and teaching
    - The goal is to get many examples the committee can read through to select 5-8 to highlight in the report.
- New Membership Recruitment Sub-Committee
  - Heidi—shared excel with members. A few vacancies in appointed reps (Isenberg, At large, CICS, Engineering). Appointed members need to be faculty members. Considering how to include additional ex-officio members. Do they need to be faculty?
  - Lisa—Add Public Engagement Project as members on this group? Can one person play two roles?
  - Sigrid-- Martin Hunter in Biomedical Engineering has expressed interest in joining us. He does biogas projects with various community partners, including Nuestras Raices.
  - Bob—Bob Maloy could be listed from Education

- Heidi—We haven't always had at large seat filled. Could the PEP rep be listed here?
- Need to find out from Faculty Senate about what the process is to include new members
- Appreciation to Heidi, who has really moved this work forward!
- Voted unanimously for Heidi as The Dean of the Graduate School or designee, serving ex officio.

- Community Partnership Sub-Committee
  - Still in holding pattern related to proposal for funding honoraria for visiting grass roots organizers, fee waivers for classes, stipends for undergraduates for internships at regional grassroots organizations.

IV. NEW BUSINESS/ISSUES/ANNOUNCEMENT

a. Event at UMass Amherst Springfield Center 4/5 from 9:30 – 12:00
   i. 50 people coming
   ii. Trying to avoid concern related to overpromising/underdelivering--framing as a gathering and initial conversation
   iii. Please sign up and invite your community partners!
b. Laura Vandenberg: presentation on the "Research & Creative Activities" working group of the strategic plan
   i. Co-Chair Marla and Laura—Meeting with many constituencies on campus. Invite us all to send comments in SWOT format especially about community engaged research. Think about 10 year goal, feasibility of suggestions. Please provide bullet points, 1 page by the end of next week.
      1. What can UMass do to support trans- and interdisciplinary endeavors, and research and creative activity more broadly?
      2. What should be our goals relative to the size of the research enterprise, and what are the organizational and/or systemic barriers to achieving these goals?
      3. Are there areas where campus-wide efforts to support research & creative activities would be appropriate (i.e., beyond current centers or institutes)?
      4. How does (or should) UMass play a key role within other collaborative relationships (e.g., in the UMass system, with external collaborators)?

   ii. 6 working groups—this one is on research and creative activities. Goal is to gather metrics/data--looking at

research data, creative activity data, international relationship data, community engagement data, comparison of R&D funding with other institutions

iii. Imagining 2034—where do we want to be in 10 years?
iv. Discussion
    1. Sigrid—Excited about the work of community engaged work, but trying to figure out to navigate how institution supports this. How to navigate the bureaucracy---how can good ideas find a home?
    2. Laura—bold statements in the strategic plan about the value of community engagement is needed. Important to value what we measure.
    3. Marla—are there particular points of friction that get in the way of what we are trying to do? What makes UMass different?
    4. Send comments to Laura and Marla--lvandenberg@umass.edu, mmiller@history.umass.edu

c. Continue Discussion on DEI/Campus Climate and Institutionalizing Engagement
d. Discuss File/Folder Management Systems